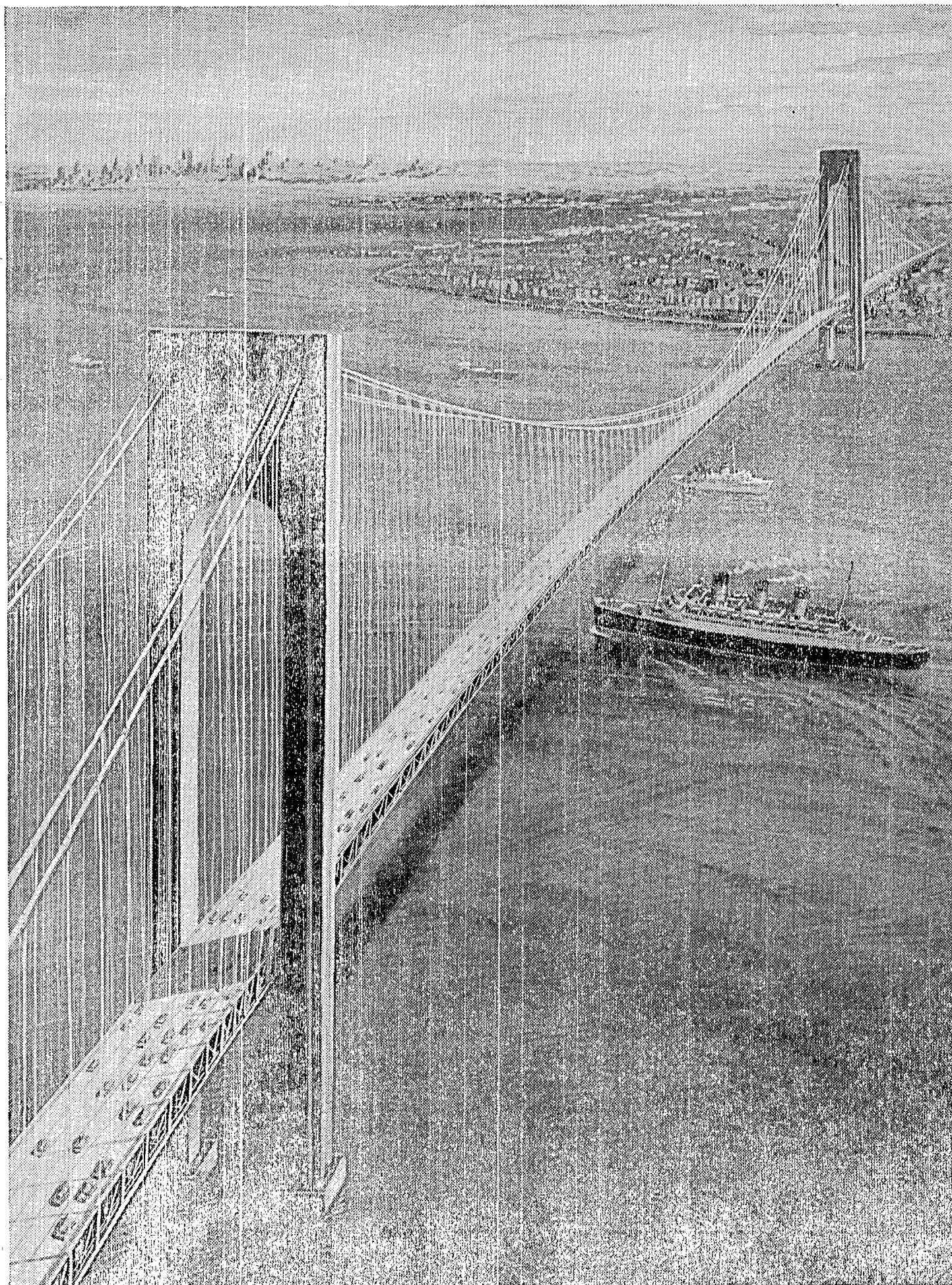


CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER

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WORLD'S BIGGEST BRIDGE

A GIANT landmark has sprung up to challenge the skyscrapers on New York's impressive skyline. Pictured left, it is the brand-new Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, connecting Brooklyn and Staten Island at the mouth of the city's harbour.

Built at a cost of £116,000,000, this mighty link in a vast time-saving chain soars high on its three-mile journey above the swirling waters of the Hudson River and the congested streets on either side of it.

The bridge took five years to construct, and it is now the longest in the world, with a centre span of 4,260 feet—60 feet longer than that of San Francisco's famous Golden Gate Bridge. Its two gigantic perpendicular towers climb to 690 feet, and because of this great height, the towers' distance apart, and the curvature of the Earth, they are $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches farther apart at the top than at the bottom.

Long Journey

Before the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge was opened, New Yorkers had to make a long, roundabout journey to reach destinations on the other side of the river. Now they can motor over on the lower of the bridge's two decks in a few minutes. The upper deck will come into use as traffic increases. Eventually, it is expected, 20 million vehicles a year will use the bridge.

The Verrazano part of the bridge's name, is taken from that of the Florentine explorer, Giovanni da Verrazano, who discovered New York Bay and the Hudson River in 1524.

GUESS WHO?

Great performer
Ever at the top
Not of England
Easy to see, it's:

GENE PITNEY

In CN Next Week!

IN BRITAIN NOW



GLASGOW MUSEUM WINNERS

Here are the names of the prize winners in CN's Glasgow Museum of Transport Competition.

QUIZ ENTRIES:

First prize—£5: John Burnett, Glasgow.
Second prize—£3: John Paton, Glasgow.

Third prizes of £1 each: John Anderson, Colin Strang, Andrew Steel, A. Gorchach, David Henderson.

DRAWING ENTRIES:

First prize—£5: Nigel Tuppen, Wolverhampton.

Second prize—£3: Graeme McKinnon, Glasgow.

Third prizes of £1 each: David Murdoch, Paul Beber, Margaret Cowie, Colin Strang, Philip Blair.

Runners-up in both classes will receive their Certificates of Award.

This attractive coffee bar was converted from a dis-used cellar by Sixth Formers at William Rhodes Secondary School, Chesterfield, Derbyshire

YOUTH CLUBS IN SCHOOLS

The Northern Conference of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation will be held in Larne, County Antrim, at the end of this month. One of the proposals to be discussed concerns the provision of youth clubs.

It is proposed that the Conference ask the Ministry of Education and school authorities to provide facilities for youth club activities in all secondary schools.

THERE IS A COLD OUTLOOK FOR BRITAIN

Britain is getting colder; that cheerless fact emerges from the Meteorological Report for 1963, the year which included the coldest December to February period for more than 200 years.

Graphs prepared for the Meteorological Office show that temperatures in central England rose sharply from the 1690s to the 1730s; then followed a gradual rise until "somewhere between 1920 and 1950."

Now it seems that it is to become colder, with climatic tables returning to the 19th-century levels.

40 YEARS AGO

(From CN issue dated 13th December, 1924)

If the latest invention to be applied to the cinema is successful, the pictures will become more than moving pictures: they will seem living pictures indeed, for it is hoped to give an appearance of solidity to the people and things we see in them.

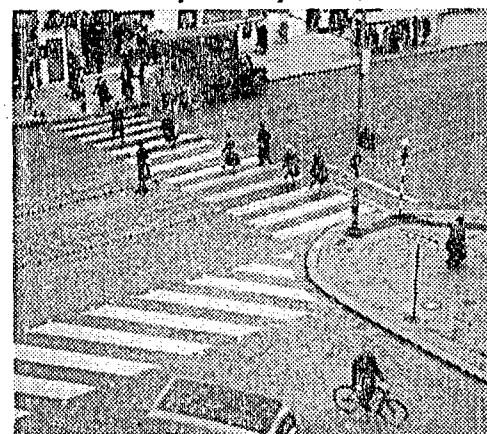
If only a stereoscopic effect can be imparted to the film photographs, this will give to them a great appearance of reality, and it is believed that this stereoscopic effect will shortly be achieved.

It seems to me...

WATCH YOUR STEP!

I WAS looking out of the window of my house some years ago. A boy was riding his bicycle "no hands" down the hill. The only other traffic was a lorry coming up the hill. Suddenly the boy swerved in front of the lorry and a moment later he was dead. Very messily dead, too.

On another occasion I saw two children, a boy and a girl, suddenly dash across the road to join a friend on the other side. A van swerved to avoid them, mounted the pavement, and hit a woman and the pram she was pushing. Mercifully neither the woman nor the baby in the pram was badly hurt, but it was a miracle that they weren't.



Zebra crossings are put there for your safety

Just now a campaign is in progress to stop people driving when they have been drinking. This of course applies to adults; as far as you are concerned, an extra lemonade or "Coke" isn't going to effect your traffic sense! But at the same time you ought to remember that safety on the roads is everyone's responsibility.

Remember the two stories I have related above. If you are silly, or careless on the road, you may have an accident yourself, or you may be the cause of one.

REMEMBER: Traffic lights, zebra crossings, pedestrian barriers, etc., are put there not to spoil your fun but to help you stay alive.

The Editor

Coming Events

BELOW is a list of free lectures and demonstrations during the Christmas holiday period. Those wishing to go are urged to write for tickets without delay to the addresses given.

THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

A lecture for young people, 13 to 18, on "Photographic Aspects of Caves and Caving," by Dr. J. M. Woolley, ARPS, on Monday, 21st December, and Tuesday, 22nd December (repeat), both days at 3 p.m., in the Society's House at 16 Princes Gate, Kensington, London, S.W.7. Tickets obtainable from The Secretary at the address above.

SCIENCE MUSEUM

THE MAGIC IMAGE: a talk, with demonstrations, about the cinematograph and its forerunners, given by Victor Wall and John van Riemsdijk. Science Museum, 3 p.m. from 29th December to 2nd January. For tickets, write to: The Science Museum (The Magic Image), South Kensington, London, S.W.7.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL

Boys and girls in London's secondary schools have the opportunity of attending the following free lectures:

THE ANTARCTIC LABORATORY, by Dr. R. Goldsmith, Medical Research Council. County Hall, 10.30 a.m. 29th December.

DIGGING UP LONDON'S HISTORY, by Norman Cook, The Keeper, Guildhall Museum, County Hall, 2.30 p.m. 29th December.

THE LIFE OF REPTILES, by Dr. Garth Underwood, British Museum (Natural History). The Meeting Room, London Zoo, 2.30 p.m. 29th December.

Also CROOK, Co. Durham: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Centenary celebrations open with a Festival of Christmas Music, 12th December
LONDON: Irish Pageantry. The North Irish Brigade and the Women's Royal Army Corps at the Royal Albert Hall, 16th December

ROCKET TO MARS, by CN contributor Patrick Moore, FRAS. County Hall, 10.30 a.m. 30th December.

BIRD PROTECTION TODAY, by Peter Conder, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. County Hall, 2.30 p.m. 30th December.

LONDON TRANSPORT'S UNDERGROUND RAILWAY SYSTEM, by R. C. Hider, London Transport. County Hall, 10.30 a.m. 31st December.

MATHEMATICS IN INDUSTRY, by A. Geary, Northampton College of Advanced Technology. (More suitable for over 14 years.) Northampton College, London, 10.30 a.m. 31st December.

BEYOND THE WEST HORIZON, by Eric Hiscock, County Hall, 2.30 p.m. 31st December.

THE SURPRISING HAYDN, by Dr. R. Simpson, of the BBC. Morley College, London, 2.30 p.m. 31st December.

FIRE-FIGHTING TODAY, by R. J. Knoulton, London Fire Brigade, London Fire Brigade Headquarters, 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. 1st January.

CHROMATOGRAPHY, by Dr. C. W. P. Crowne, ARIC. Sir John Cass College, London, 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. 1st January.

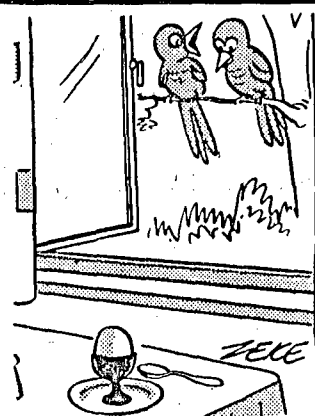
SPARKS, GLOWS, AND ARCS, by Dr. B. Salvage, MIEE. Queen Mary College, London, 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. 4th January.

Each lecture will be illustrated by demonstrations, films, or lantern slides. Pupils at London Secondary Schools can obtain tickets for free admission to any of the lectures above from their schools.

LAUGH TIME



"Maybe he has beaten Kid Brown, Kid Smith and Kid Jones. It's about time he fought a grown man!"



"That's the smallest nest I've ever seen."



"What a performance! I short-circuited his electric guitar."



"Well, whatever it is, you've certainly got it."

WORLD OF STAMPS

NEW VALUES FROM NEW GUINEA

THE first four values of the new definitive series from Papua and New Guinea have now been issued, and very attractive they are. Each stamp depicts, in full natural colours, a different species of wild bird found in the forests and mountains of New Guinea. The male and the female of each species are shown.

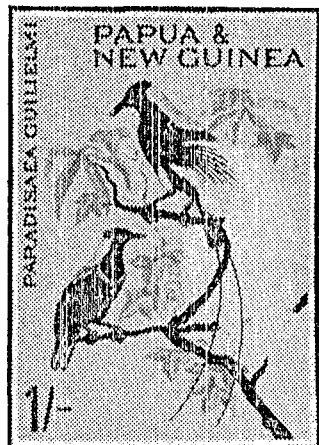
The birds depicted on the 1s. value, pictured here, are the Emperor of Germany Birds of Paradise. This species was

by C. W. Hill

designed and printed by the Swiss firm of Courvoisier, SA, but several Australian, Papuan, and American ornithologists have given advice to ensure that the pictures of these beautiful birds are as accurate as possible.

SPECIAL Christmas stamps are now appearing in many countries. Malawi, formerly known as Nyasaland, has issued the first Christmas stamps ever to appear in an African country. They show the Star of Bethlehem above the globe of the world.

For the first time, too, Canada has issued Christmas stamps. As pictured here, they show a



discovered by German explorers about seventy years ago, when part of New Guinea was a German protectorate.

As with most tropical birds, the male is more gaily coloured than his mate. With light and dark brown plumage, he has an emerald green back and a long white and yellow tail.

Other values show the sickle-billed Bird of Paradise and the Magnificent Rifle Bird. More birds of paradise will be featured on the seven stamps to be issued next month.

The new stamps have been



typical Canadian winter scene, with a family walking towards the Christmas Star. Values are 5-cents blue for letters and 3-cents red for greetings cards.

From Australia and the Australian-administered Norfolk Island come Christmas stamps in



the design pictured here. It shows a child looking at a Nativity scene. Through the window shines the great constellation of the Southern Cross.

In Liechtenstein, the tiny principality which lies in the mountains between Switzerland and Austria, three Christmas stamps have been issued.

THE last picture this week is of a recent Austrian stamp. It has been issued to mark the 350th anniversary of the Hospital founded in Vienna by the Brothers of St. John.

This Order of Roman Catholic monks originated in Portugal, but during the 17th century they opened many hospitals in eastern Europe. For 350 years their Vienna hospital has been treating patients of all religious denominations, whether rich or poor.

Dark blue in colour, the stamp shows one of the Brothers attending to the needs of a patient.



READERS' LETTERS

LIKE TO TELE-TRAVEL ?

Dear Sir,—I have an idea for the future that could be the answer to the ever-increasing traffic problems on our roads today. I have called it "Tele-Travel."

First of all you go into a booth, which will be established on the street kerb, like telephone kiosks. Inside you select the place you want to go to. You then press the button and away you go. The booth remains on the kerb while you travel to your destination in the form of rays.

This, I am sure, is possible. Our bodies are made up of vibrations. We can send our voices to other places, so surely it is possible to transform our bodies down to rays and travel that way.

There are no collisions on the way, because every traveller has his or her own serial number. This method could also be used with goods.

Eventually, as the method becomes more popular, you can have a booth installed in your

own home—providing you have the money and are the travelling type. This method would also eliminate trains and cars, etc., except for local travel. You pay quarterly for the booth, like one does for a telephone.

David Hunter, Edinburgh, 3.

THE NAME'S THE SAME

Dear Sir,—One day last year I was looking at a magazine when I saw a section called *Homes Wanted*. I read it and asked Mummy if we could have a kitten and she said we could.

We named our kitten Smudge because it looks as though she has a black smudge of ink on her nose.

Simon Ansell, Mulheim/Ruhr, West Germany.

I AGREE

Dear Sir,—I agree with J. Davies about intensive farming methods (issue dated 7th November), and I am strongly against the battery hen system.

It was bad enough when there were two in a cage, but now there are three, it is worse.

P. Tighe (11), Southampton.

SMALLER ?

Dear Sir,—Has anybody got a dictionary smaller than mine? It is 1 inch long and ¾ of an inch wide. It has 2,800 pages and fits into a little case.

Ian Davies, Heaton Chapel, Stockport, Cheshire.

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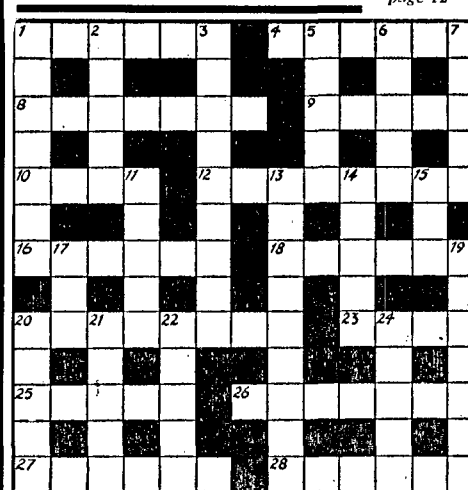
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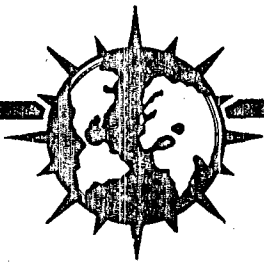
cycling for pleasure

Crossword Puzzle

Answer on page 12



ACROSS: 1 Oriental head-dress. 4 Edible mollusc. 8 French seaport. 9 Scottish county. 10 Woodwind instrument. 12 Recognise. 16 Bands. 18 Middle. 20 Retaliation. 23 Early inhabitant of Europe. 25 She turned Ulysses's companions into swine. 26 Watch. 27 Piffers. 28 Puzzle. DOWN: 1 Monotonous. 2 Musical composition. 3 Spring flower. 5 Relating to town or city. 6 Mountain of Moses. 7 Tall. 11 Anaesthetic gas. 13 King Arthur's sword. 14 Sleeveless garment. 15 Conifer. 17 Sharp chopping tool. 19 Utmost. 20 Stones. 21 Soup dish. 22 Perfect. 24 Made a mistake.



THIS WIDE WORLD

"SOLAR" WATER FOR A GREEK ISLAND

A WATER distillery powered by solar energy has been built on the island of Symi, one of the Greek Dodecanese group. It was designed by American firms who also supervised its installation.

Before this, the 3,000 people of Symi got their water from the island of Rhodes, 25 miles away at a cost of about twopence a gallon. Water from the distillery will cost only about a halfpenny a gallon.

Shallow Bays

To build the distillery, long shallow "bays" were formed of sand and gravel and covered with sheets of rubber to make them watertight. A black, heat-resisting material was then placed inside the bays.

Salt water is pumped into the bays, which are covered with a plastic film. Heat from the Sun is trapped beneath the plastic, causing the temperature of the water to rise. Steam collects on the plastic and then condenses, to drain off as fresh water for storage. Every night salt is washed out of the bays and new salt water let in for the next day of operation.

PERU IN THE STONE AGE

The site of a Stone Age settlement approximately 9,000 years old has been excavated near Paracas, on the coast of Peru. Archaeologists uncovered a village whose 500 to 600 inhabitants lived in huts made from mud and reeds.

The remains of some of the villagers still wore scraps of caps, tunics, and other clothing made from vegetable fibre. It was found that the bodies had been carefully wrapped in reed mats and, on burial, had food offerings

of fruit, fish, and seeds laid beside them.

Judging from the size of the bones, these Stone Age people must have been taller than the Peruvian Indian of today.

Well-finished stone bowls, polished beads, necklaces, and stone mirrors with contrasting circular inlays were also discovered. One of the most interesting finds was a wooden flute which had been kept intact by the hot, dry sands of Paracas.

IT'S PLANE TO SEE!

This odd photograph, taken at the Lockheed-California Company's solar observatory in the Hollywood Hills, is of an airliner caught by the lens of a camera as it flies across the Sun. The picture is one of more than 3½ million taken of the Sun on clear days at the observatory since 1958.



BIG BARNACLE FOSSILS

A find of giant fossil barnacles, each measuring up to more than two inches across, are to be studied by a scientific expedition in the Antarctic.

The barnacles, which may be as much as 100,000 years old, were

discovered last year by a New Zealand scientist making a helicopter visit to volcanic Brown Island, 30 miles south of Scott Base in the Antarctic. The find was made at 15 feet above sea level, and is so far unexplained.

LIFTING THE OCEAN BED

The Alaska earthquake last March lifted part of the ocean bed of the Gulf of Alaska by more than 50 feet—the greatest readjustment ever recorded. This fact comes from a report by the US Coast and Geodetic Survey.

A large area of the sea bed rose more than 30 feet, with a maximum of more than 50 feet in three areas. The sharp rise took place between the islands of Kodiak and Montague, centre of the great earthquake which killed 114 people and caused damage estimated at £250,000,000.

PETER SNELL VILLAGE

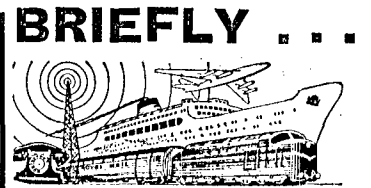
New Zealand's Peter Snell, mile record holder and Olympic athlete, is to have a new village named after him.

The Sunday School Union, of Auckland, is to build a youth village just north of the city. To be known as the Peter Snell Youth Village, it will be built on 27½ acres at a cost of £150,000.

RHINO NEWS

The 100th white rhino to be removed from the Umfolozi Reserve, in Natal, is now in the Pretoria Zoo, where the first of this species ever to be seen in a zoo still lives.

According to *World Wildlife News*, there are now fewer than 4,000 white rhino in the world; the only ones safe from hunters are the 900 or so in Natal.



The International Council for Sea Exploration is to study the decline in the amount of fish in the North Atlantic and Barents Sea.

Help From Pupils

Pupils of senior schools in Shrewsbury have "adopted" a village in Madras, India, and plan to raise £450 to help families there.

Pakistan has just opened its first television station, at Lahore. Another station, at Dacca, is due to be opened in a week or two.

Railway Record

The narrow gauge Festiniog Railway this season carried a record 140,000 passengers.

John (13) and Janet (11) Machin, of Norton, gained Yorkshire's only premier award in the British Pigeon Show Society's national championships at Harrogate.

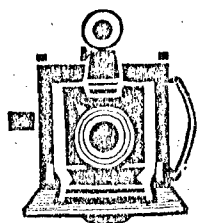
Home in Que Que

Traces of human existence lasting from 40,000 to a thousand years ago have been found in caves near Que Que, Rhodesia.

Three countries have chosen a national bird for the first time: Norway has the Dipper, the Netherlands the Spoonbill, and Malta the Blue Rock-Thrush.

Many Tongues

The junior class at Hillary Street County Secondary School, Walsall, has such a variety of Indian children that four languages are spoken—English, Hindi, Gujarati, and Punjabi.



KNOW YOUR NEWS

NEW RULER FOR LUXEMBURG

LITTLE Luxembourg, the "mighty atom" in the heart of Western Europe, has just changed sovereign rulers. Prince Jean, who will be 44 on 5th January, has taken over from his mother, the Grand Duchess Charlotte.

For 45 years Luxembourg had been ruled by Grand Duchess Charlotte. But she will be 69 on 23rd January, so she has decided to retire and lead a less strenuous life. Prince Jean, Hereditary Grand Duke, now becomes the head of the State.

By Our
Special Correspondent

It is a full-time job to reign over even a small State (Luxembourg is 1,000 square miles in area) in the turbulent 20th century.

The Grand Duchess has followed the example of the late Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands (Holland) who, in 1948, abdicated in favour of her daughter, Queen Juliana.

Charlotte is a descendant of Nassau (Dutch) royalty. But she married a member of the

Bourbon-Parma family, Prince Felix.

Thus, the new Grand Duke Jean I is a Bourbon—the first Bourbon to come to power since the abdication of King Alfonso XIII of Spain, in 1931.

Unlike some other small countries, Luxembourg has never shirked her responsibilities and duties.

One of the Six

She is the smallest member of the 15-nation North Atlantic alliance (NATO).

She is the Lux in Benelux—the customs union she forms with Belgium and the Netherlands.

She is one of "the Six" who make up the wider customs union called the European Economic Community (the Common Market), the European Coal and



Prince Jean, Grand Duke of Luxembourg

Steel Community (ECSC), and Euratom, which its member countries set up seven years ago to use nuclear techniques for peaceful purposes.

Luxembourg is the world's seventh largest producer of steel. Headquarters of the ECSC are in the capital city, Luxembourg, where about one-quarter of the country's 315,000 people (nearly all Roman Catholics) live.

And who has not heard Radio Luxembourg on the 208-metre waveband, Europe's biggest commercial radio station, founded some 30 years ago?

Luxembourg's importance stems from her strategic position. Her history goes back 1,001 years to a Count Sigfrid, who in the year 963 acquired what then became the county of Luxembourg. (It was promoted Grand Duchy in 1354.)

Many Invasions

Over the centuries Luxembourg has many times been trampled by invading soldiers' feet—Celts, early Germans, Romans, Burgundians, Hapsburgs, French royalists and republicans, Napoleon, Prussians, Dutchmen.

She has been occupied in the two world wars of this century, by the Kaiser's Germans and Hitler's Germans.

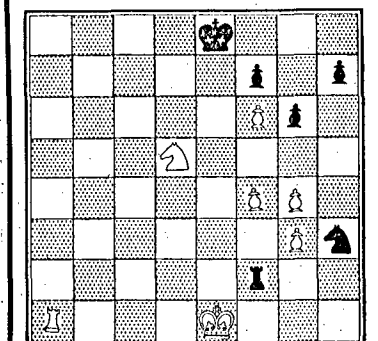
But there she stands today, unbowed, undaunted, and unconquerable, an object-lesson to us all.

CN CHESS CLUB

THIS year the Southern Counties Chess Union held their Jamboree at the John Lewis Buildings in London.

Twenty teams of ten players entered and were cross paired. Middlesex, Hampshire, Surrey, and Essex all entered junior teams. The Surrey juniors finished with a better score than their seniors!

Why not spend part of your Easter holiday by the sea? The Kent Chess Association are holding their first Congress at Folkestone. There will be sections to suit all standards. Further information may be obtained from Mr. L. Spain, 146 Gladstone Road, Deal, Kent.

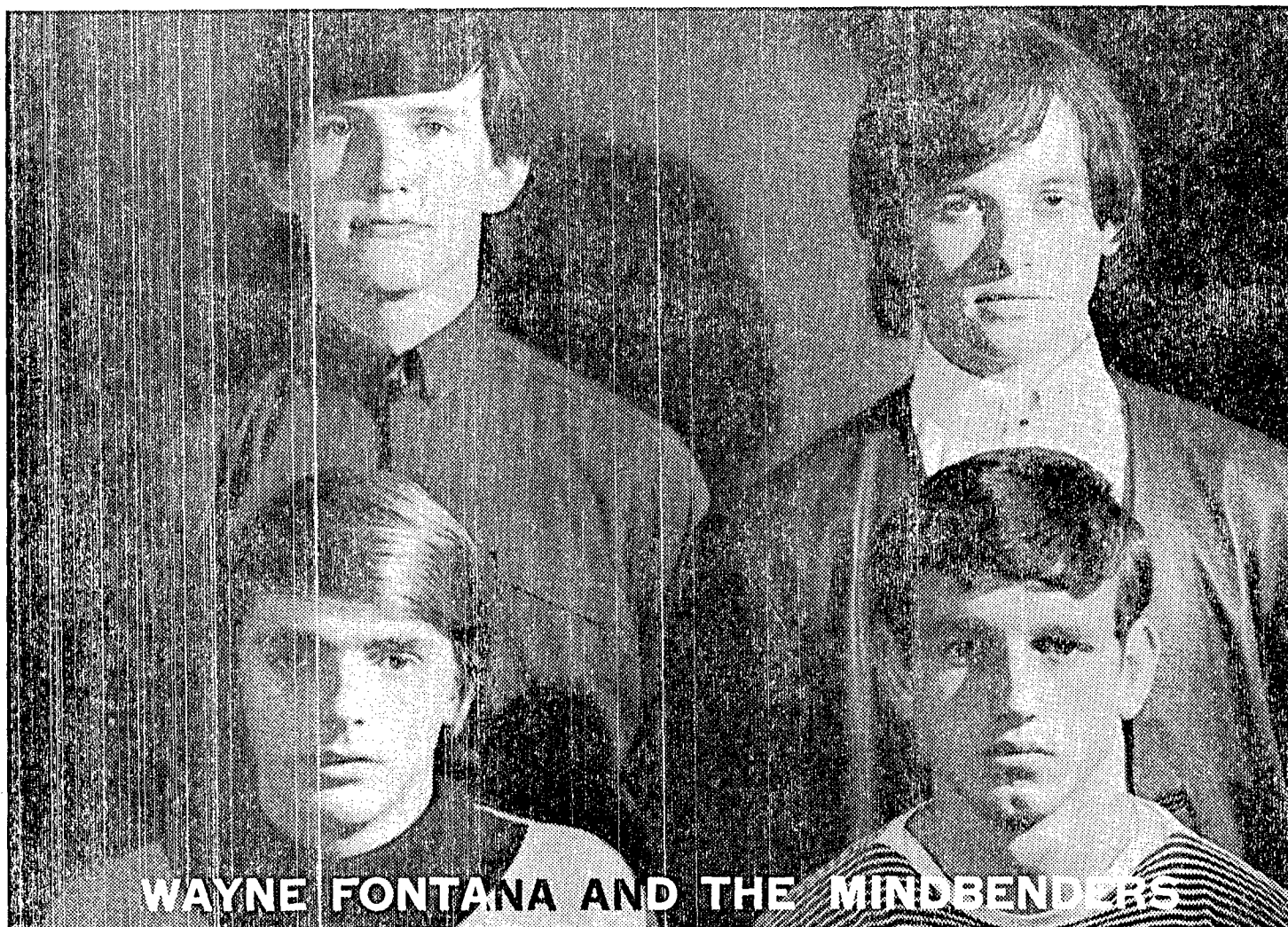


Can you see how White wins this game?

Answer on page 12 T. MARSDEN

POP SPOT

Swinging into Pop Spot are—WAYNE FONTANA AND THE MINDBENDERS



WHEN Wayne Fontana and bass guitarist Bob Lang arrived for an audition with Fontana's A & R manager, two of the group didn't show up. Immediately, Wayne asked two other boys to help him out. This proved to be a lucky break for Eric Stewart and Ric Rothwell, for within the hour they were members of Wayne's newly-formed group and under contract to Fontana! (It was later on that Wayne added the name Mindbenders—after he'd seen a horror film!)

At first they were successful with their in-person performances but their records were not Hit material. But their latest disc—*Um, Um, Um, Um, Um*—climbed steadily into the Charts and made No. 2 rating.

Manchester-born Wayne (real name Glynn Ellis) was previously a trainee telephone-engineer. Eric was a commercial artist. Bob left school determined to be a guitarist, while Ric, who has played the piano since he was nine and holds the London College of Music Diploma, switched to drums four years ago.

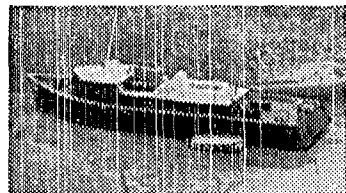
SPECIALLY FOR GIRLS

PAT'S PENNY-FARTHING

PATRICIA Hill (right), a ten-year-old of Thanington, Kent, sent this picture and asked: "Do you think other children have a penny-farthing bicycle like this one?"

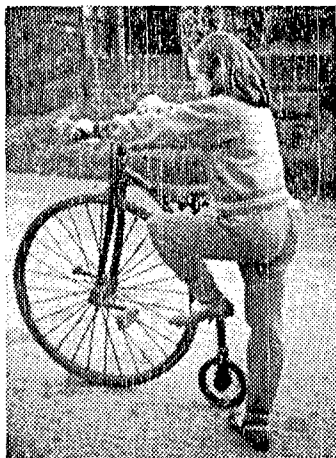
Well, it's unlikely, because her father made it—and all the other things shown in these pictures.

Mr. Hill makes whatever Pat and her sister want, and Pat says

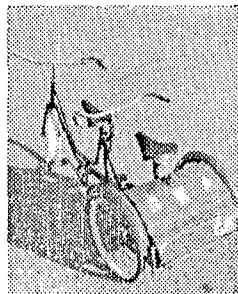


she often goes with him to scrap-yards to find the necessary bits.

With such a talented Dad, no wonder Pat proudly wrote to tell us about him!



Above: Pat climbs aboard her penny-farthing and (below, right) an unusual 3-wheeler for two. Left: a steam boat with lifeboat and (below, left) a caravan—all made by Pat's father!



PRIZE FOR CHEERFULNESS

AT a prize-giving ceremony at Aster Secondary School, Dover, an award for cheerfulness was made to 15-year-old Shirley Cushion. The prize was a just award for Shirley's courage and determination in overcoming the handicap of a malformed spine, which her parents were told would prevent her from walking.

After years of operations, and by sheer doggedness, Shirley can now move around her home and school unaided. Despite all her difficulties and pain, her Headmaster says he has never known her complain.

Shirley's big ambition for the future is to own a car, so that she will be able to get herself about and be really independent.

PIANO AWARD

AFTER studying the piano for only 18 months, five-year-old Christine Gott of Harrogate won the class for under-twelves at the diamond jubilee Summerscales competition at Keighley, Yorkshire.

One of the judges, Mr. Paul Greenwood, thought Christine would be able to do really great things later on—"once she has grown tall enough to reach the pedals."

HOW BIG IS A MAT?

EIGHTEEN months ago, 13-year-old Susan Webster of Margate started to crochet a table mat with coloured oddments of wool. Then, when her sister had a baby, she decided to work on the mat until it was large enough for a pram blanket. But once again Susan changed her mind and now the "table mat" has become a 7-foot square rug weighing 5 lb!

The rug is now something of a problem, since Susan has been offered £10 for it, and she doesn't know whether to sell it or not. She's tempted, because the money would help to swell her savings for a trip to Germany. On the other hand, she might want to keep working at the "rug" and turn it into something else!

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

IF you like making things, then you'll love to have either (or both!) of the following books (World's Work: 21s. each). The first, **LET'S MAKE PRESENTS**, by Esther Hautzig, details over 100 inexpensive gifts for Christmas, Easter, Birthdays, Bazaars—in fact, for all-the-year-round occasions suitable for all the family.

The second, **HOMEMADE DOLLS IN FOREIGN DRESS**, by Nina R. Jordan, gives easy-to-follow instructions for making the actual dolls and dressing them in native costume. There's a charming Eskimo and Igloo; Pedro, a Mexican doll, plus all his going-to-market gear; and a Chinese Fisherman doll, as well as many more enchanting ones just waiting to be made.

For the younger members of your family, a good buy would be one of the Golden Records—Nursery Rhymes with a Beate Beat (2s. 6d. and 3s. 6d. each). They include such chart-toppers as *Wynken, Blinken, and Nod* and *Hickory-Dickory-Rock*.

Fun for all the family is a three-dimensional puzzle called Cuboids, which sells at 8s. 11d. This consists of just seven beechwood blocks, from which the manufacturers claim it is possible to make thousands of regular structures.



"It's Fido's birthday!"

Vicky



HOW WE RUN OUR COUNTRY

MAKING NEW LAWS

No. 3—The Royal Assent

EVEN when both Houses of Parliament have finally agreed to a Bill, it still is not the law of the land until the Queen has agreed to it.

As soon as it receives the Royal Assent, it is no longer a Bill, but an Act of Parliament.

If a Bill is very urgent, it will be presented for the Royal Assent as soon as both Houses of Parliament have passed it. (This is most likely to happen when the country is at war.) Usually, however, Bills are presented for the Royal Assent in batches at the end of a session of Parliament. On 31st July, 1964, the Houses of Parliament adjourned until 19th October. On the last day of the session (31st July) the Royal Assent was given to 42 Bills.

Refusal

Nowadays, the Royal Assent is always given to Bills that have passed both Houses of Parliament. But this was not always the case. Often, in the past, if the monarch did not like a Bill, he refused the Royal Assent, which meant that it could not become a law. But this has not happened for a long time now. The Royal Assent was last withheld in 1707, in the reign of Queen Anne.

The Royal Assent is not given by the Queen herself but by officials called the Lords Commissioners, acting on her behalf.

The procedure is as follows. The Speaker and the House of Commons are called upon by Black Rod to go to the House of

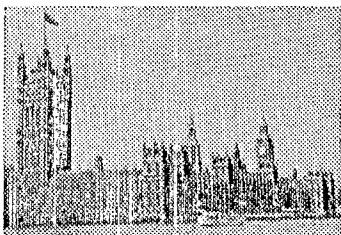
the Royal Assent is pronounced by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

The Royal Assent is given in Norman-French. For all Bills except money Bills, the words spoken are *La reine le veult* (The Queen wishes it). For money Bills, the words spoken are *La reine remercie ses bons sujets, accepte leur b n volence, et ainsi le veult*. (The Queen thanks her good subjects, accepts their kindness, and thus wishes it.) The words are different for money Bills because these must come from the representatives of the people in the House of Commons and cannot start in the House of Lords.

Three Parts

Should the monarch ever wish not to give the Royal Assent to a Bill, the words which would be spoken by the Clerk of the Parliaments would be *La reine s'avisera* (The Queen will consider the matter).

Once the Royal Assent has been given, the three parts of Parliament—Monarch, Lords and Commons—have each taken part in the making of the law.



No. 16 OF A SPECIAL SERIES ABOUT PARLIAMENT

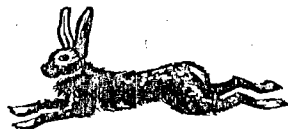
Lords. In the Lords, three Lords Commissioners sit before the Throne. As the title of each Bill is read by the Clerk of the Crown,

Next week :

MAKING NEW LAWS :

(4) *How Private Bills Are Passed*

TAKE A LOOK AT NATURE



WHY DON'T WE LIKE THEM?

MANY of us have a queer kind of horror or fear of certain animals, often for no obvious reason, for most of these creatures are perfectly harmless.

It is easy to understand why anyone living in countries where poisonous snakes are common should regard these as enemies, but if you ask people in Britain why they dislike snakes, they won't say it's because they think they are dangerous. They will be more likely to say that it's because

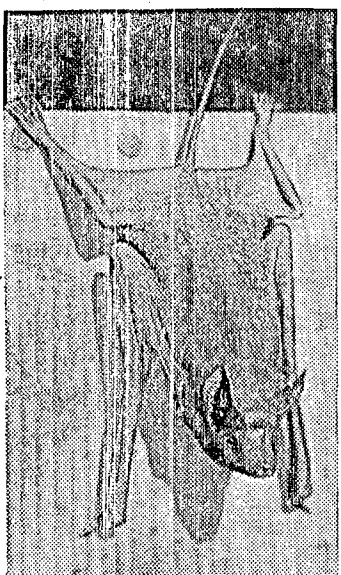
by
Maxwell Knight

they are slimy, or cold and clammy.

In fact, snakes are not slimy and they don't normally feel cold to the touch. Personally I think people dislike them because they crawl, and there seems to be something about a crawling creature that is repulsive.

Curiously enough, very young children seldom have this fear—an earthworm is often the very first creature a toddler picks up.

Mice and spiders scare lots of people, and I am sure that this is because of their quick move-



Bats frighten some people

ments. This is understandable, but there are also other, much more unusual, "hates." I know some people, for example, who

cannot touch a bird—feathers of all descriptions give them the creeps! Others have a similar loathing for fur—they can't even bring themselves to stroke a dog or cat.

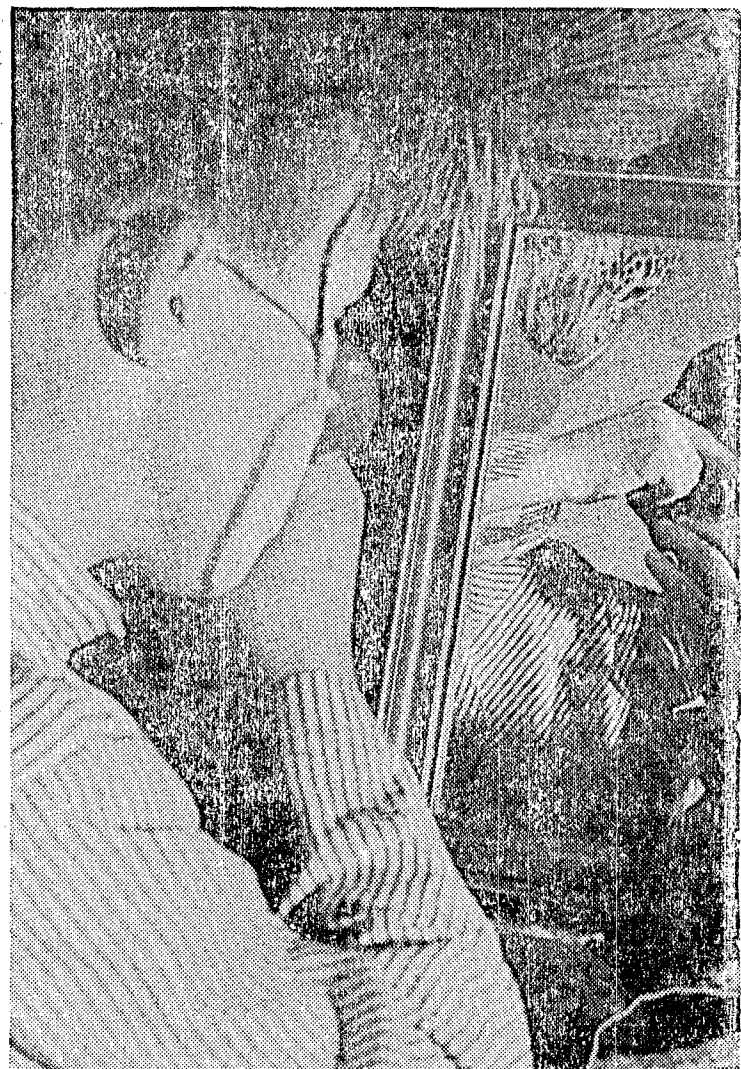
Where cats are concerned, this may have something to do with a special form of asthma which is brought on by animal hairs. Some people have such an instinctive reaction against cats that they cannot even bear to be in the same room with one; and it is said that there are some who can tell if there is a cat in the house, though they cannot see it or hear it, and do not know the family they are visiting owns one.

Loathing!

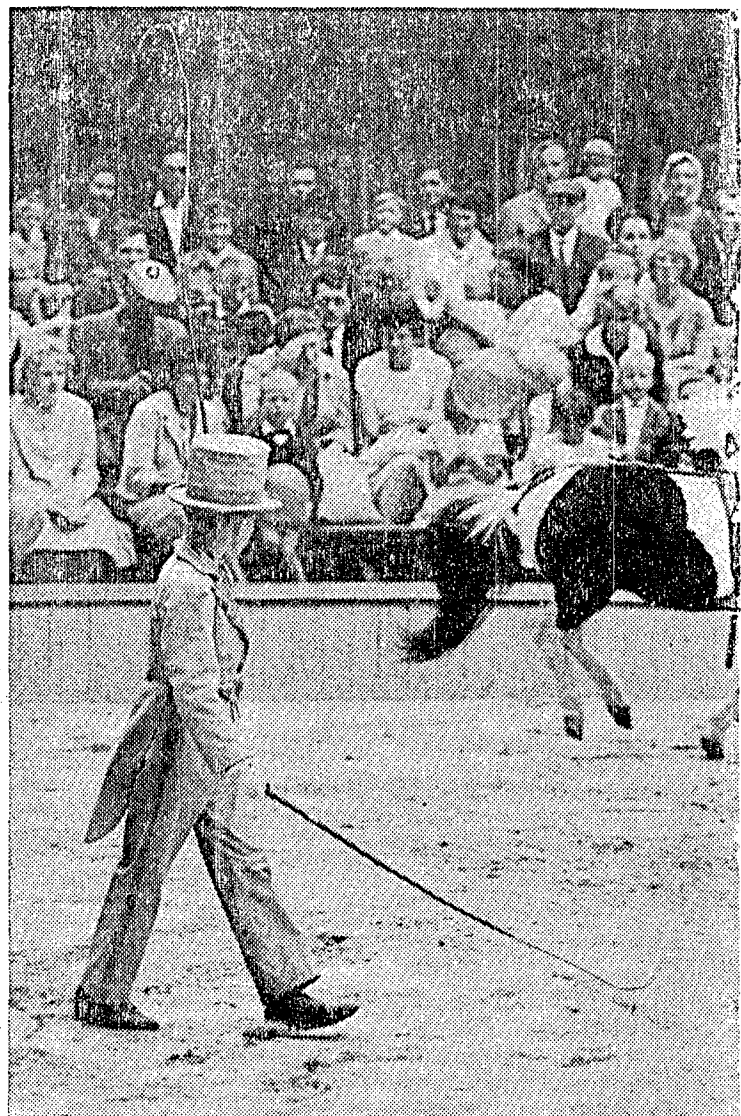
I suppose I ought to make my own confession. I loathe cockroaches!

I think I can explain this little personal weakness. Long ago I learned that cockroaches could carry the germs of food poisoning, and once, when I went to drink a glass of water by my bedside, there was a cockroach in it!

Bats, probably because of the strange stories attached to them, also frighten some people.



"Oh, I feel such a clown wearing all this funny make-up—an



Smartly-attired in his top-hat-and-tails, the ringmaster puts

CN PANORAMA

YOUNG FOLKS' CIRCUS



A dress rehearsal of the circus cast receives an approving trumpet from this happy elephant

WE tend to think of Christmas time as circus time, but here is a circus with a difference. Several differences, in fact. This one gives its shows in the summer, in the open air — and all the performers are children.

The Children's Open Air Circus at Odense, Denmark, gives two shows every Sunday, from Whit-sun to September, and another on Tuesdays.

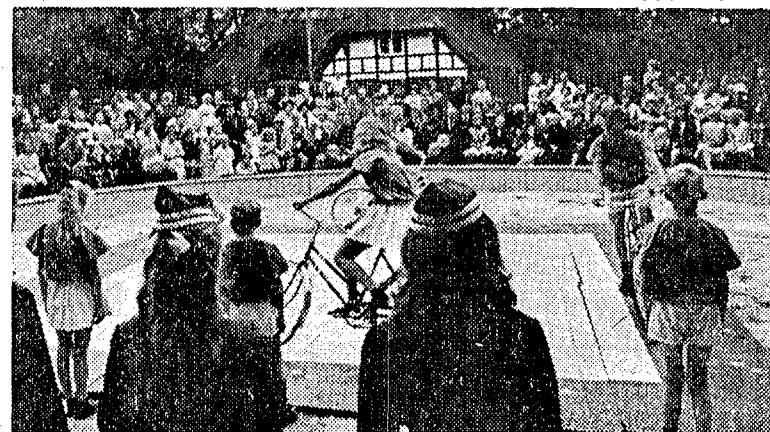
On the programme are trapeze artists, trick cyclists, acrobats, conjurers, tumblers, "Cossack" riders, Liberty horses, clowns — and even the ringmaster is a boy. These are supported by pretty programme sellers and usherettes, ring boys and stable lads, a youthful wardrobe mistress and a young property master.

Every year the whole troupe is changed so that new boys and girls can join. They get no pay but receive a gift of 50 Kroner (£2 10s.).

Admission to the public is equivalent to 1s. 6d. for adults, 6d. for children, and programmes cost 3d. Seating capacity is 700. The money taken at the box office provides the costumes and "props," the animals, and general necessities. The circus arena and dressing rooms cost £2,500 to build.

All this belongs to the home-town of Hans Christian Andersen, who became the world's greatest writer of fairy tales. He was born here nearly 160 years ago.

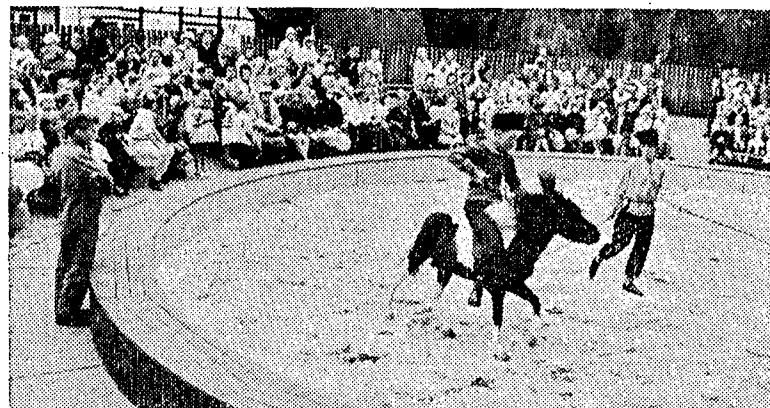
In a way the Children's Circus in Odense is a bit of a fairy tale itself.



Trick-cycling calls for sharp reflexes and a good sense of balance



Acrobatics need practice to achieve the kind of perfection shown above



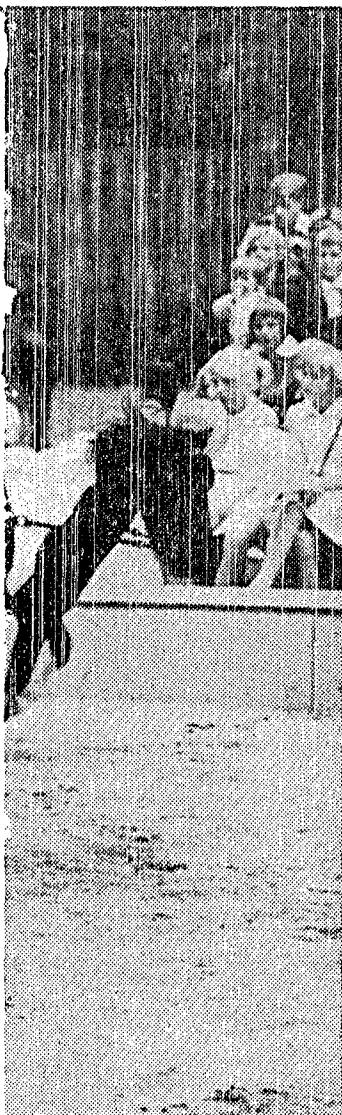
Round and round the sawdust ring gallops the "Russian Cossack" rider



There's nothing like a bunch of balloons to get the circus going



and how about that nose?"



a pony through its paces

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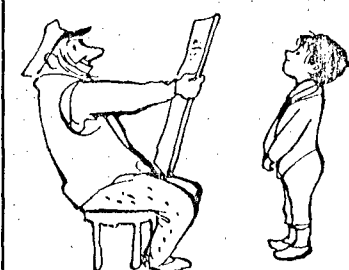
PAUL JACQUES BONZON

The colourful city of Venice, with its palaces standing by the canals which serve as streets, is a background rich in history and excitingly appropriate to this unusual story of Mario and Lucia, two young Venetians. By the author of *The Orphans of Simitra*, winner of the PRIX ENFANCE DU MONDE in France. Translated from the French by Godfrey Burston.

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My Great-Grand- father and I

JAMES KRÜSS



A common love of language, poetry and story telling makes for a delightful relationship between Great-Grandfather and his great-grandson who spends a week's holiday with him on the island of Heligoland. This charming story has already won acclaim in Germany where it was awarded the JUGENDBUCHPREIS.

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Rossie

A. RUTGERS VAN DER LOEFF Eleanora Roswita Alberta Carlotto, nicknamed Rossie, is the daughter of impoverished Italian immigrants living in America. She becomes a national heroine overnight for her bravery when the shack in which she lives with her parents and seven brothers and sisters catches fire. By the author of *Avalanche!*, winner of the BEST CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD in Holland. Translated from the Dutch by Edward Fitzgerald. 15/- net

By the same author

Everybody's Land

Everybody's Land was a patch of wasteland in Holland, dearly loved by the children who waged war for its control. But before long the envious eyes of the adults were turned on what was virtually a children's paradise. Translated from the Dutch by Elizabeth Meijer.

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CHRISTMASTIME READING

HERE'S a good mixed stocking-full of books either to give or to get as presents.

IN NACAR THE WHITE DEER, by Elizabeth Borton de Trevino (*World's Work*, 13s. 6d.) we are taken to 17th



century Mexico to witness the arrival there of a rare white deer from the Philippine Islands on its way to be sent across the Atlantic as a gift to the King of Spain. A Mexican herd-boy is put in charge of Nacar while the little animal recovers from its long voyage across the Pacific. The end is legendary but in keeping with a charming story.

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ONE I specially liked was a translation from the German of James Krüss called MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER AND I (*University of London Press*, 15s.). An old lobster fisherman on the isle of Heligoland takes the main title role, and he certainly has some pretty strange yarns to tell.

This one is a change from the ordinary run of boys' books, and there are some bright drawings in it, too.

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TALKING of islands, one off the west coast of Scotland is the scene of a good, human story, THE HIGH CLIFFS OF KERSIVAY, by Angus MacVicar (*Harrap*, 7s. 6d.). Life is busy and varied for Sandy, whether he's netting a salmon or doing some photography. But he has to master his secret dread—a fear of heights—in a cliff rescue.

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E. W. HILDICK has written another snappy story in JIM STARLING GOES TO TOWN (*Anthony Blond*, 9s. 6d.). This is an unusual thriller about four boys from the North, up to see the Cup Final at Wembley, who meet a ticket tout, with unhappy results. This leads to a tout-hunt all over the West End, and a strange trail it is that they follow.

A book for everyone who likes the crazy touch in reading is UNCLE, by J. P. Martin (*Cape*, 16s.). A series of tales first told, years ago, by a father to his children, the manuscript of this book turned up in a cupboard recently and was offered to Cape's, who decided to publish it.

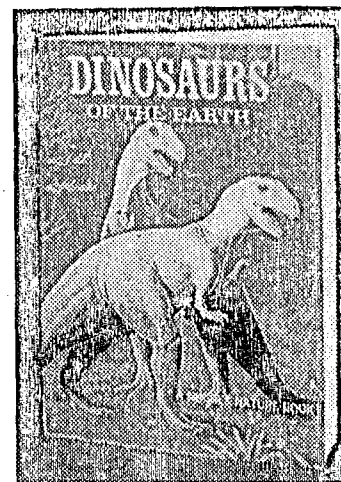
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CAPTAIN FRANK KNIGHT gives us another good book in STORIES OF FAMOUS EXPLORERS BY SEA (*Oliver and Boyd*, 13s. 6d.). He starts with Pytheas of Marseilles, who "discovered" Britain, goes on to Red Eric, the Northman who first discovered North America, and so at last to the voyage of the nuclear submarine *Skate*, under the North Pole. Fine pictures.

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DINOSAURS OF THE EARTH is a big coloured book by John Raymond, and it is all about creatures of a vanished life (*Collins*, 8s. 6d.).

Uncle is a sort of elephant character living in a house which is like about 100 skyscrapers joined together, with water-chutes, from top to bottom. And he has a serious enemy called Jellytussle. This book starts crazy and gets crazier.



HERE ARE SOME BIG GIFT COLOUR BOOKS

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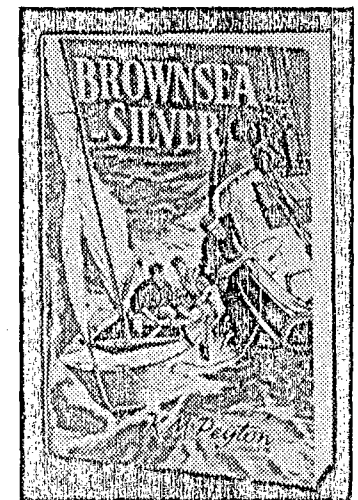
LEARN TO DRAW, by Norman Buchanan. Ingenious and entertaining (*Warne*, 12s. 6d.).

THE CASTAFIORE EMERALD. Story in crazy strip cartoons in the Adventures of Tin Tin series (*Methuen*, 8s. 6d.).

WOLF CUB ANNUAL 1965 (*Pearson*, 8s. 6d.).

SAILORS AND THEIR SHIPS, by Charles Kervern. Lovely

BROWNSEA SILVER, by K. M. Peyton (*Collins*, 8s. 6d.) is a Sea Scout yarn with plenty of sailing in it, the author being a yachtsman himself. It's all about the unravelling of a crime discovered when Nick and Rob,



the Sea Scouts, are patrolling Brownsea, the famous island in Poole Harbour, Dorset, where the Scout movement started.

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A SUNNY, pleasantly-told story of England and London in Shakespeare's day is told by Elizabeth Janet Gray in I WILL ADVENTURE (*Oliver and Boyd*, 13s. 6d.). The bright scene is observed through the eyes of 12-year-old Andrew Talbot, and the author knows just how to set that scene and introduce the characters.

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THE GREYHOUND, by Helen Griffiths (*Hutchinson*, 15s.) is a dark, desperate story of a dog and a boy in the backstreets of London. Here is Club Row and its pathetic pet sales, and a picture of what happens when a boy wants money and accepts it the easy way—only to find that paying it back is anything but easy. Exciting, real-life stuff.

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Those seal pups which had survived the terrifying storm in the barren wastelands of Alaska, had banded together on the ice-floe. Ah-Leek, trapped in an ice-cave, had watched them go.

Later he witnessed the arrival of a walrus herd, followed by a boatload of Eskimo hunters. In a fight between the bull walrus and the occupants of the boat, Ah-Leek had seen the Eskimo boy, Andrew, fall overboard while trying to strike the bull with his steering-paddle.

4. Ah-Leek Is Shot!

SOME twenty seconds later the boy reappeared. Then, shooting up to the surface again like a huge cork, came the big bull walrus.

Coming up between the boy and the rest of the Eskimos, the bull considered which to attack. The five men were struggling frantically to get their damaged *umiak* to the ice-floe, and they were making a lot of noise and splashing the water vigorously. They were doing this to discourage the big herd bull from returning to the attack, and they succeeded.

With a grunt the walrus turned away in pursuit of the boy.

Luckily for Andrew, the ice-floe on which Ah-Leek was a prisoner was no more than twenty yards away, though if the walrus bull had started to chase him immediately he came to the surface, he would have caught him without any difficulty. As it was, though he was panting wildly, the boy managed to scramble on to the ice no more than a second or so ahead of his pursuer.

There was a frightening crash as the walrus reared out of the water and brought down his curved tusks into the ice only a few inches behind Andrew. It was such a savage blow that ice-chips flew in all directions, and for a moment or so it seemed as if the walrus himself had been made prisoner. His sharp tusks had dug two holes and remained embedded in the ice.

Andrew, water streaming from his clothes, crawled a few feet away and lay face down, panting for breath. Then, as he heard a frightening grunt from the edge of the ice-floe, he lifted himself up and looked back.

What he saw would have frightened the bravest of the brave. The walrus bull had got his tusks free and was heaving himself on to the ice.

For a moment Andrew almost gave himself up for lost. The ice-floe was not a large one, and his knees were already shaking from weakness.

THEN, as he struggled to his feet, he heard a frightened wail. It came from Ah-Leek, still shut up in his prison. The blocks of ice which kept him from

reaching the sea were lying against one another like a pile of huge bricks. There was a gap in the top and Ah-Leek had seen it, but had been unable to climb to freedom that way. Now he lay as close to the ice as he could, afraid of the big bull and equally afraid of Andrew.

In desperation the young Eskimo hurled himself at the six-foot-high mound of ice. He found a crevice with his fingers and heaved himself over the top. It was the nearest he had ever been to sudden death, for the angry bull again sent chips of ice flying as his tusks dug in only inches behind where Andrew had been.

Ah-Leek squealed in fright as the exhausted and terrified boy dropped down almost on him. There was no room to back away,

by **ARTHUR CATHERALL**

for the prison was a chamber of only some five feet by four feet.

Andrew flopped on his face and lay gasping. Ah-Leek stared at him, and then turned his head as he saw, through the ice, the shadow of the big walrus.

Weighing more than a ton and possessing the strength of a dozen men, the walrus waddled round the mound of ice, roaring in his rage. Then he saw the gap through which Ah-Leek had watched the happenings of the past few minutes.

The young seal backed away at the sight of the fiercely whiskered face of the big walrus bull. Then, urged on by the scent of Andrew, the walrus inserted a big flipper into the gap in the ice-blocks and, by chance rather than design, dislodged one.

There was a sudden crunching of ice against ice as the blocks moved. One toppled over, and a moment later the prison was no longer a prison. There was a gap through which Ah-Leek could have got to the sea quite easily, if the walrus had not barred the way.

In sudden alarm the walrus scuttled away when the ice began to slide, but now he blocked the way to freedom. He stood there, looking gigantic as he reared up on his hind flippers, his tusks like

twin swords. Walrus are usually good-tempered creatures, but this herd bull was now in the mood to kill and kill. His family had been attacked, and he meant to have revenge.

When the last ice-block settled again, the walrus waddled forward, and Ah-Leek set up a terrified wailing. For a moment the angry bull hesitated, then came on. He had got the scent of Andrew, and the smell of humans always enraged him. One fierce downward jab with his tusks would give him revenge, and a second thrust would easily dispose of Ah-Leek.

ON the fifty-yards-distant ice-floe, Andrew's father, grandfather and the three other men were hastily getting their gear out of the damaged *umiak*. They were all wet to the knees and panting for breath. It had been a struggle to get on to the floe without losing the boat and the precious rifles.

Then Andrew's grandfather looked up, and his eyes widened in alarm as he asked:

"Where is the boy?"

Andrew's father opened his mouth in horror, but no sound came. Looking across the ice he saw only the dead walrus on the floe some few yards away. There was no sign of Andrew.

Then, on the silent air, came a wailing cry. It might have been made by a two-year-old human baby, and it caused the five Eskimos to swing round and stare in the direction from which the sound came.

Accustomed to danger though they were, the sight which met their eyes brought gasps from them. The big bull walrus, black against the blue-green of the ice, was moving in to a tumble of ice and it was from this direction that the wail of terror had come.

"It is the boy!" one of the men gasped, and grabbed for a rifle. Andrew's father was even quicker. He whipped up his gun, cocked it and fired.

Crack! In the profound silence which lay over everything, the report was like a blast of thunder, and the sound was slung backwards and forwards in a score of echoes from the many ice-floes.

The walrus gave a mighty bellow of rage, heaved himself backwards, and then there was a tremendous splash as he flung himself into the sea. He remembered the days of long ago when, after just such a report, there had been a biting pain in his shoulder where a bullet had lodged. Memory brought fear and his anger evaporated. Revenge was forgotten, and once the sea engulfed him, he did not come to the surface again.

SOME fifty yards away, the Eskimo hunters clustered on the edge of their floe. They were waiting for young Andrew to



Bellying with rage, the bull walrus heaved itself on to the ice behind Andrew

come out from the jumbled mass of ice into which they had seen the walrus forcing his way.

"Here he is," Andrew's grandfather said thankfully as a dark form was seen. Then Ah-Leek shuffled into the open. Sight of him drew grunts of disgust from the watchers, and a groan of despair from Andrew's father. Each of them realised in that moment where the piping wail had come from. It had not been Andrew, but this seal.

One of the men lifted his rifle in sudden anger and, taking quick aim, fired. The bullet just grazed the top of Ah-Leek's head.

The wound was no more than a scratch, and would quickly heal when it was immersed in salt water. The immediate effect, however, was to put the young seal into a quick sleep. He flopped down and did not even wriggle.

Laying down their rifles, the Eskimos then busied themselves with the task of mending the slit in their walrus-skin boat. They were quick and skilful. At one time they would have used bone needles, but now they could buy slender steel needles from a trading post, and the work was better done.

They lowered their craft into the water, grunting as they saw that the patch leaked only very slightly. They then got on with the task of skinning the dead walrus and cutting up the meat. It was done swiftly and with great skill. In half an hour the task was finished and their prize loaded into the damaged *umiak*. It sank lower in the sea, and water spurted up where they had sewn up the tear.

Then the man who had shot

Ah-Leek said: "We may as well pick up the baby seal. I used a bullet on him."

The others nodded. They swept smoothly across the water, and came alongside the floe on which Ah-Leek still lay.

Andrew's father and another man got on to the ice. As the other man drew his knife to finish off the young seal and skin it, a vague shadow moved within the circle of ice-blocks.

It was Andrew, only half conscious, but struggling to get to his father after hearing voices.

For a moment the Eskimos were too startled to move, then one man gave a great cry:

"He is here! Andrew is here. The boy is not drowned! Look, Andrew is alive!"

They dragged the boy out of the jumble of ice-blocks, pummelled him, slapped his face, rubbed him vigorously, and finally saw his eyes open for a moment. Then the face, which had been turning blue-grey, creased into a weak smile.

"He lives!" Andrew's father shouted joyfully. "Into the *umiak* with him! We must get him ashore! The Great Spirit has been good to us this day, and Andrew's mother will not weep tonight."

THEY carried the youngster to the edge of the floe and lowered him into the *umiak*; then the man who had shot Ah-Leek drew his knife again.

"It will not take a minute," he said. "And a baby seal is worth taking back."

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Macbeth

Riding home from battle, the Scottish generals Macbeth and Banquo had been waylaid by three witches while crossing a deserted heath. Each witch made surprising prophecies—one, that Macbeth would become Thane of Cawdor; another, that he would later be King of Scotland. The third witch told Banquo that, although he would never become King, his sons would.

After the old crones had vanished, two King's messengers arrived and conferred on Macbeth the title of Thane of Cawdor! Such prompt fulfilment of the witches' predictions made Macbeth wonder if he would indeed become King. But Banquo warned him about harbouring such thoughts...

1. Macbeth ignored Banquo's warning (if indeed he even heard it) for he was filled with dreams of becoming King. Already he pictured himself wearing the crown of Scotland! The witches' prophecies had aroused in him a fierce desire to gain the throne, even by seizing it from King Duncan.

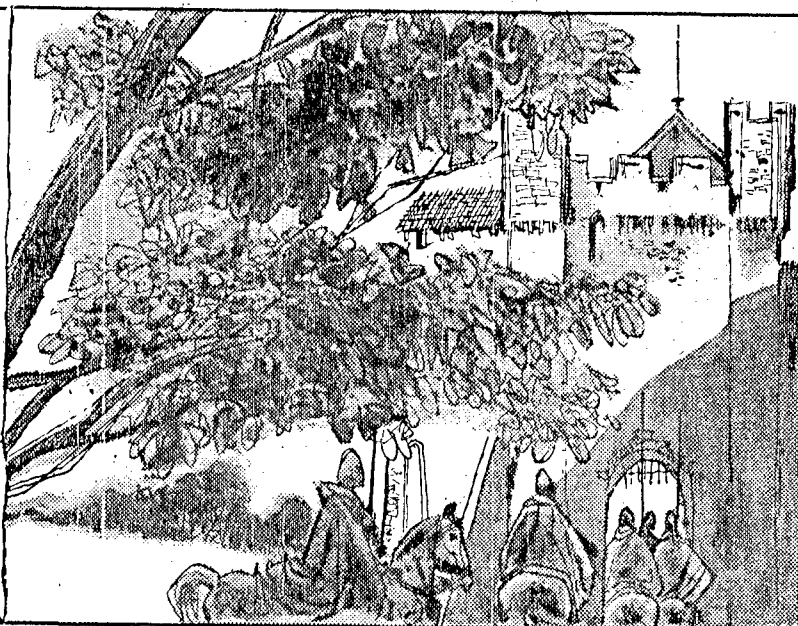


2. When Macbeth told his wife about the witches' prophecies, she at once began to make plans to help him become King of Scotland. Lady Macbeth was a very ambitious woman, and she had no doubts or qualms about the method they should use. Macbeth protested at murder, but he was overruled by his wife, who insisted that it was necessary.



3. Meanwhile Duncan the Meek, King of Scotland, decided to recognise Macbeth's recent victory in battle by paying him a visit. There was nothing unusual in this, for the King often chose to honour his noblemen in such a way.

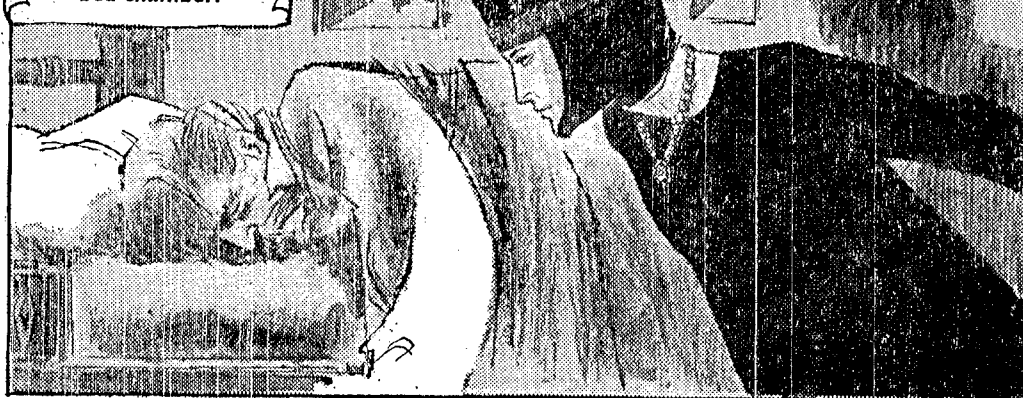
So Duncan of Scotland and his two sons, Malcolm and Donalbain, accompanied by a royal retinue, arrived at Macbeth's castle. They were received by Macbeth with all the outward indications of an hospitable welcome.



4. The King was pleased with his host and the seemingly charming Lady Macbeth, who went to endless trouble to ensure Duncan's comfort and to conceal her true feelings.



5. That night Lady Macbeth lay awake plotting to kill the King. Although Macbeth had reluctantly agreed to the murder, she doubted his resolution and feared that he might change his mind at the last minute. Rather than let this happen, she decided to murder the King herself. Earlier she had drugged the grooms of the King's bed-chamber.



6. Armed with a dagger, Lady Macbeth crept along to the King's room, where the two grooms lay in a drugged stupor. She stood looking down on the sleeping King Duncan and, to her surprise, saw in his expression a likeness to her own father. They were so alike that she lost her nerve and could not find the courage to kill him.





BRITAIN'S SOCCER CUP FIGHTERS

THIS Wednesday, West Ham United meet Spartak of Prague, capital of Czechoslovakia, in the second leg of their European Cup-Winners' Cup tie. With a lead of two goals, the capable Hammers should be strong enough to hold the home side and so reach the next round.

In Brussels next Wednesday (16th), Liverpool should make certain of entering the next round of the European Cup. The remarkable three-goals defeat of Anderlecht, at Anfield Road, must give Liverpool that confidence at least to hold the Belgian champions.

Extras . . .

Athletics

The C.N. Jackson Memorial Trophy, awarded annually by the AAA to the outstanding athlete of the year, is this year to be shared by Olympic Gold Medallists Lynn Davies (long jump) and Ken Matthews (20 kilometres walk).

Badminton

The London Championships are to be played for the first time at the new Crystal Palace Recreation Centre from 17th-19th of this month.

Badminton is to be included in the Empire and Commonwealth Games for the first time at Kingston, Jamaica, in 1966.

Hockey

The All England Women's Hockey Association is to hold a Christmas course (28th December-1st January) at The National Recreation Centre at Lilleshall, Shropshire, for girls of 15 to 18 years.

Lawn Tennis

The Lawn Tennis Association has selected 15 juniors to take part in a course at the Queen's Club, London, from 16th-18th of this month.

Motor Racing

The British Automobile Racing Club has given John Surtees, world champion driver, a special gold medal awarded for "outstanding achievements in motor racing by British subjects."

Rowing

Oxford is to have a new boat for next year's race on 24th March.

Rugby

The final of the Rugby League under-17 Lancashire Inter-Town Knock-out competition will be played on Sunday between St. Helens and Wigan. On the following Sunday (20th), there will be the under-19 Inter-County final between Lancashire and Yorkshire, at Headingley.

Sportsbag

NOW that all the excitement of the 18th Olympiad has died down, the various sports federations are preparing for the 19th, in Mexico City in four years' time. It seems that some events may be dropped, such as judo, which was included in the Tokyo Olympics for the first time because it is such an important element in Japanese sport.

On the other hand, new events may be introduced and others extended. Swimming is a good example of the latter. The International Swimming Federation would like to enlarge its programme.

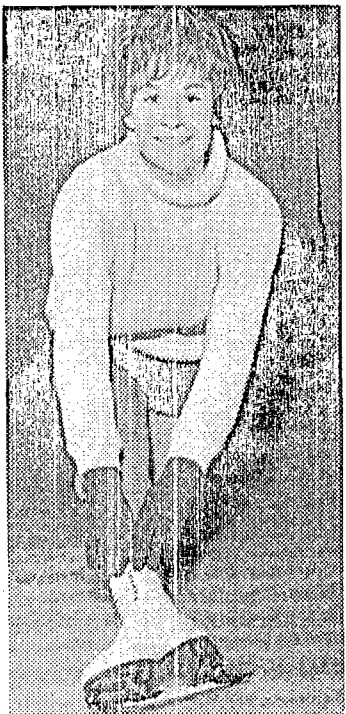
The Tokyo Olympics had 22 swimming events, but it is hoped that the International Olympic Committee will agree to eleven more being added. These would be: Men—100 metres breast-stroke, butterfly, and back-stroke; 200 metres free-style and individual medley; Women—100 metres breast-stroke; 200 metres back-stroke, butterfly, free-style, and individual medley; and 800 metres free-style.

Perhaps Mr. W. B. Phillips, Australian President of the Federation, may be right when he states that the "present Olympic swimming programme is far too skinny for a sport of swimming's calibre."

However, I'm with him all the way when he says that it may be necessary to "institute standards for swimming, as the track and field organisers have done; alternatively, we may limit each country's swimming team."

In the cold light after the Olympic Torch has been extinguished, it can be seen that some of the competitors at Tokyo hadn't a chance of winning even a heat. Certain it is that, before the Olympic Torch is relit in 1968, a great deal of re-thinking about swimming will have to be done in many countries—and that includes Britain. The Sports Editor

Ice-Skater Janet



JANET SAWBRIDGE, 17-year-old Birmingham ice-skater, was third in the British Championships last month; now she has been chosen for Britain's Women's team in the European championships to be held in Moscow in February.

Janet is right at the top in ice-dancing; she and her partner, David Hickinbottom, are the British champions. Last season they were second in the European championships and third in the world event.

So Janet has good reason to look pleased with life.

They're Having Judo For Lunch!

GIRLS of the Spondon Park Grammar School, near Derby, have a judo club which meets during the lunch period. I gather that the girls are becoming quite good at the sport, which is not surprising, since they were introduced to it by an expert—Miss Pat Burton, their Physical Education teacher.

Miss Burton took up judo only a couple of years ago; now she is senior instructor for women at the Derby Olympus club, and was recently awarded a first Kyu brown belt. Now she aims to become a Black Belt, highest ranking in judo.

Lunchtime must be such fun at Spondon Park!

Barry Beats Dad

ELEVEN-year-old Barry Gregg, of Bransby, Cumberland, has just taken a title from his father—that of champion angler of the North West League.

Youngest member of a Whitehaven angling club, of which his father is secretary, Barry won the junior individual title, collected eight trophies, and then proceeded to outdo Dad as the best angler of them all.

I gather that Mr. Gregg will retain his position as secretary!

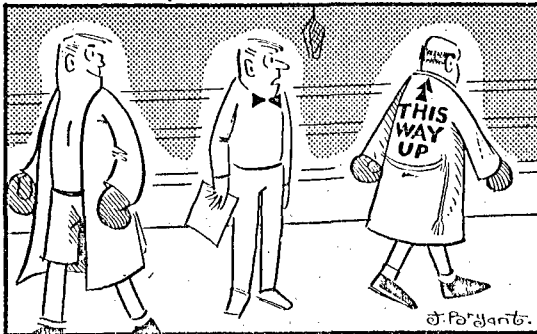
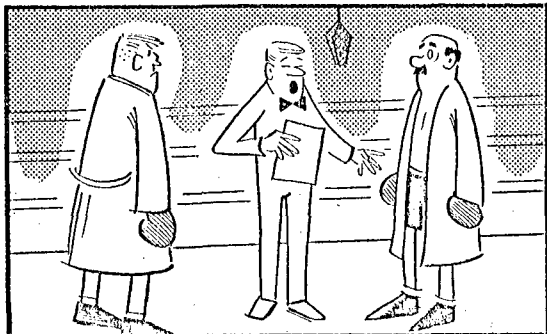
Ice-Time For The Very Young

MOST ice-rinks have sessions for pupils of school age, but how many have classes for even younger folk?

I've just learned that the Richmond Ice Rink has an hour-long class every Monday afternoon for children between the ages of three and five. Nothing like starting young!

If you have young brothers and sisters, and your parents would like them to have lessons, further details can be obtained from the Sports-Drome, Richmond Ice Rink, Richmond Bridge, Twickenham, Middlesex (POPesgrove 3646).

ALL-ROUND ALFIE



PICK A PUZZLE

ANALOGIES

Drove is to cattle as . . . is to wolves

Krone is to Denmark as schilling is to

Marquis is to marchioness as earl is to

23rd April is to St. George as 17th March is to St.

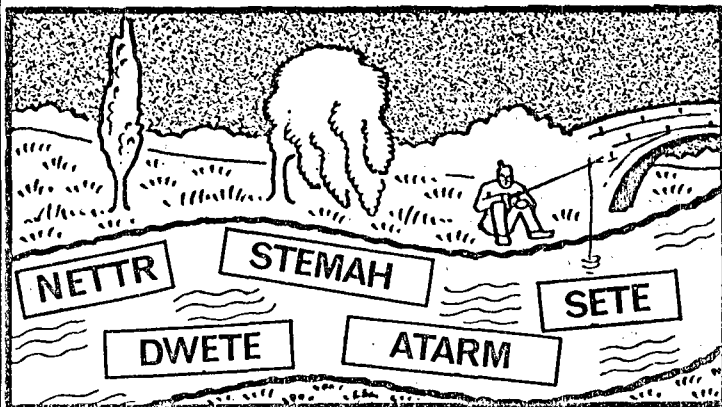
Paris is to France as is to Sweden

PAIRS, PLEASE!

Can you pair off the words in the first column with those in the second, to form eight complete words?

Hand	Stead
Mile	Coat
Over	Mother
Green	Some
Home	Comb
Honey	Age
Grand	Panc
Counter	House

BRITAIN'S JUMBLED RIVERS



TWO FOR FOUR

The same two letters inserted in each of the following, will form four complete words.

S . . ne, ba . . n, . . wer, mot . .

Above are the jumbled names of five British rivers, all beginning with the letter T. See if you can sort them out.

ANIMAL ANSWERS

Answer the animal clues below correctly, and then rearrange their initial letters to form the name of another animal.

Proverbially, it cannot change its spots.

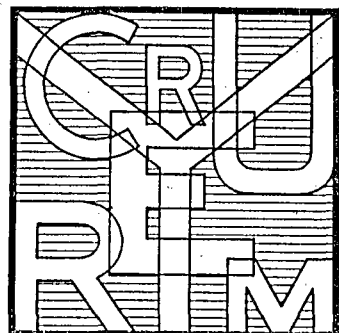
Rodent's name connected with a Shakespearean play.

An animal that "laughs."

Large, striped beast of prey.

Tree-dwelling mammal that carries its young in a pouch.

PLANET IN OUTLINE



The letters in the name of one of the nine planets are here given in outline. Which is it?

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

(P. 3) Crossword Puzzle: ACROSS: 1 Turban. 4 Mussel. 8 Dunkirk. 9 Banff. 10 Oboe. 12 Identify. 16 Sashes. 18 Centre. 20 Reprisal. 23 Celt. 25 Circe. 26 Observe. 27 Steals. 28 Riddle. DOWN: 1 Tedious. 2 Rondo. 3 Narcissus. 5 Urban. 6 Sinai. 7 Lofty. 11 Ether. 13 Excalibur. 14 Tunic. 15 Fir. 17 Axe. 19 Extreme. 20 Rocks. 21 Purce. 22 Ideal. 24 Erred. (P. 4): CN Chess Club: 1 N-N6! K-Q1; 2 R-B1 and Black is helpless against the threat of R-B8 mate. (P. 12): Analogies: Pack; Austria; countess; Patrick; Stockholm. Britain's Jumbled Rivers: Trent; Thames; Tees; Tweed; Tamar. Two For Four: to. Who Are They? Tito. Conan Doyle. Telford. Anne Hathaway. Tubman. Belisha. Plimsoll. Farouk. Pairs, Please! Hand-some; mile-age; over-coat; green-house; home-stead; honey-comb; grand-mother; counter-panc. Animal Answers: Leopard; Shrew; Hyena; Tiger; Opossum—sloth. Planet in Outline: Mercury.